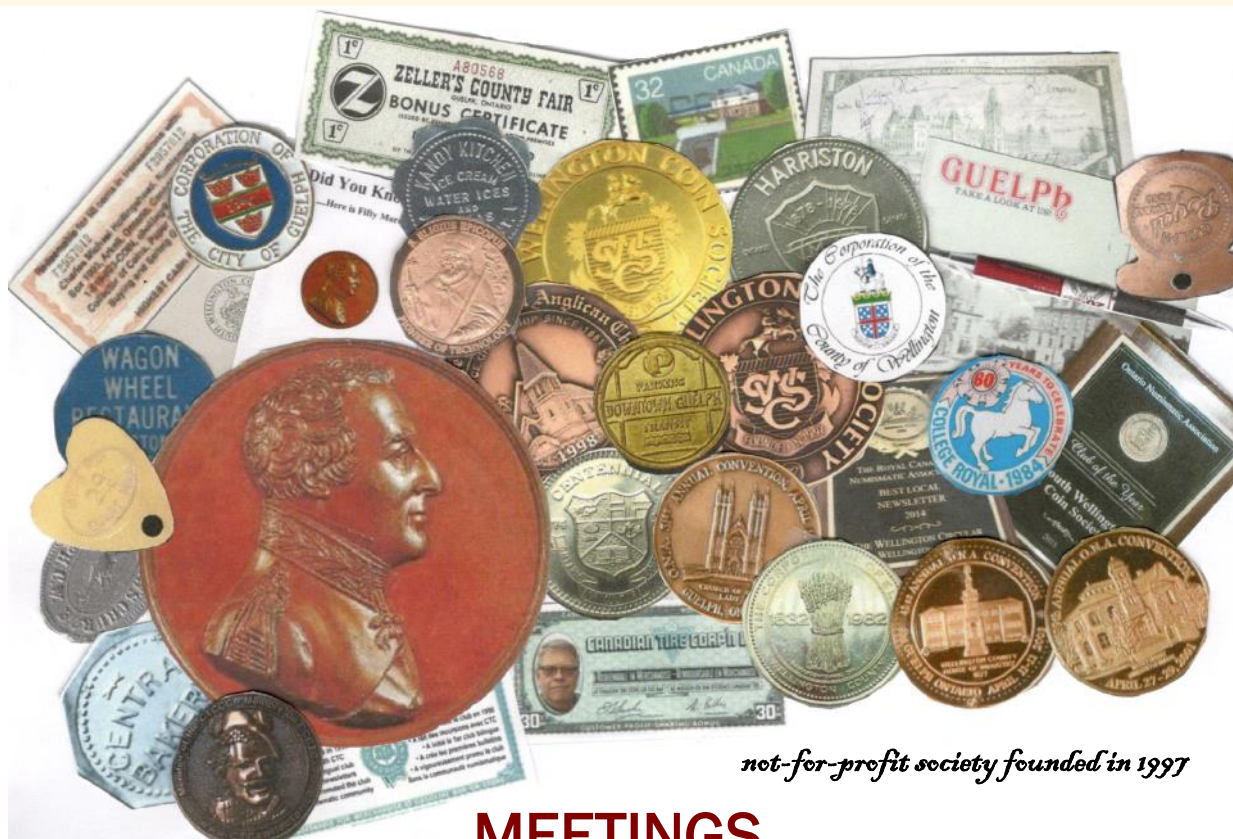




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MEETINGS

IN-PERSON: Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockmosa Older Adult Centre (Library building) at 121 Rockmosa Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street), North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. N0B 2K0.

SAVE THE WEDNESDAY DATE

NO MEETINGS January and February



March 1st, 2023: IN-PERSON ONLY

David Carpenter is our Speaker.

**Topic: Many uses / advantages of Numista
(charting, graphing, comparing your coins)**



↑ **NEXT MEETING** ↓

Important Notice: Our meeting room and multi-media system are not conducive to an effective hybrid in-person and zoom meeting; therefore, all meetings commencing with our September 7th, 2022, meeting, will be IN-PERSON only! We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause any remote members.

Future meeting dates: **2023**—March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th; **2024**— March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, etc.

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IMPORTANT NOTES

- ◇ December was our last meeting of 2022, and we return to meet again in March 2023. Remember, we do not meet January and February due to the winter road conditions.
- ◇ It's that time of year again. We remind you 2023 dues are due on or before the day of our March 2023 meeting. The renewal / new application form is attached as the last page of this newsletter.
- ◇ We need good quality, collectibles for future auctions. Please contact Lowell about consigning.
- ◇ We need speakers and topics for Apr., and June-July, Sept-Dec. 2023 meetings. Please volunteer or give us contact information for somebody who you know is willing to come out and present.
- ◇ We wish all our members Happy New Year!

CLUB EDUCATION

Your presentation doesn't need to be fancy, you can just come and speak and hold up items in reference to your topic. Please reach out to Scott and sign up for one of the open 2023 dates below:

- **2023-March 1: David Carpenter** will give the other part of his demonstrations that we ran out of time for at our August 2022 meeting. He will show the **many uses and advantages of Numista**, including **graphing and charting and comparing your coins**.
- **April 5: Calling to a volunteer to talk on a topic. How about you? Why not sign up to present?**
- **May 3: Ron Cheek** presenting "*A personal journey back to the Great Exhibition of 1851*".
- **June 7 (Annual Pizza Night):** Members will share **how they first were introduced to numismatics**, and they are encouraged to bring along the first piece they collected (if they still have it).
- **July 5: Calling to a volunteer to talk on a topic. How about you? Why not sign up to present?**
- **August 2: Show and Tell**, with members asked to bring a piece or pieces from their collections and tell us about them. Similar to how much fun our November 2022 meeting was when five members shared!
- **2023-September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6: Calling for volunteers to talk on a topic.**

SWCS *NEW* FB Page



Be sure to "like" SWCS on our NEW Facebook page, as managed and designed by SWCS Director **David Carpenter**! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/swcoinsociety>

SWCS GPS Coordinates

Note that SWCS meeting room address has been changed by the county, and you may need to reset your GPS Coordinates. The address is no longer 85 Christie Street Rockwood but is **now 121 Rockmosa Street Rockwood**, although it's the same building (down the hall from the Rockwood Library) in the exact location we've been meeting for years.

Coin Exchange at CAC



In November 2022, SWCS Director **David Carpenter** attended the RCM Coin Exchange held at Colonial Acres Coins (CAC) in Kitchener. While there, he snapped these photos of SWCS Director **Peter Becker** with **Wendy Schell**, CAC's Administrative and Public Relations Manager. Peter was one of the RCM Coin Exchange volunteers (some SWCS, SCC, and WCS members helped), "A very busy 6 hrs with long line-ups and about 400-600 came, including many from London, Mississauga, and Toronto making the trek.



Collecting New Collectors

by **David Carpenter**, SWCS Director
[Images in this article are not to scale.]

There is plenty of worry about the future of coin collecting as a hobby, especially with the rise in cashless payments that was exacerbated by two years of social distancing. How can we attract younger collectors? This has been a topic of concern for coin clubs for decades. I found a Chicago Coin Club meeting summary in the ANA's *The Numismatist* February 1920 magazine, describing their December 1919 meeting:

The Secretary read a paper written by Theodore J. Venn, entitled "On Creating a Permanent Interest in Numismatics." This paper led to considerable discussion of ways to interest young collectors in coins, and to strive to bring them into the Club.

This is not to say that declining membership in coin clubs and participation in coin shows is not a pressing matter, but it illustrates that clubs have struggled with the topic *for a hundred years or more*. Quite obviously, with fewer young collectors coming up through the ranks, there are fewer numismatists with whom to share the hobby. And those hoping to turn a profit when they sell their collection would surely benefit from the demand of a growing collector base rather than a shrinking one.

Are the young kids even interested? Let's consider some scenarios.

First there are the lucky ones who travel to other countries and get the collecting bug when they see coinage alien to their own. Similarly, friends and family might give away their leftover travel coins as an interesting gift to kids in their lives. Pictured here is my first foreign coin, a 1958 Portuguese 20-centavos (*left column*) from my grandmother, that has the copper look of a worn penny but is almost as large as a nickel; (*next column*) an 1885 Morgan dollar from my uncle which was won from a slot machine, given to my mother, and recently passed on to me; (*remaining columns*) coins from Belize from my cousin's daughter, then aged 10, who travelled there to see her grandmother, and gave me some of her Belize doubles. While my examples took place years ago, I know from experience that the same situations still excite the young. Just as back then, this sort of thing doesn't resonate with every child, but does land with some.



Coins: Portugal 1958 20 centavo, US 1885 dollar, Belize 1996 1 cent, 1981 5 cent World Food Day, 1994 5 cent, 1981 10 cent, 2003 25 cent, 1991 dollar [Photo by the author.]

Second, there are those who look down into their change and notice something odd: either foreign coins that at first glance could pass for local coins, or circulating commemoratives that spark an interest and possibly a need to complete a set. Canada's *Centennial* coins of 1967 are an excellent example, with each denomination having a special design for the year. My mom pulled one of each from circulation and set them aside. Canada then did a *Canada-125 Provincial* quarter series in 1992 (which I traded with coworkers during university) and then the *Millennial* series of 1999 and 2000. I recall in the years leading up to the 2010 Winter Olympics, I traded quarters with fellow train passengers and helped to finish their kids' collections. I still have a hand-written thank-you note from one family. We then had the *Legendary Nature* series of 2011 and in 2012, the *War of 1812 Bicentennial* series. More than a dozen one-off designs have been released over the years as well.



Canadian millennial quarters in a Scholastic Canada Ltd.'s 2000 Canadian Coin Collecting Kit w/book. [Photo by the author.]

My good friend Lisa's Nanna was an avid collector of 1973 *Mountie* quarters commemorating the Centennial of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Lisa shared this with me recently, something I had heard about years ago:



[Image courtesy of Coins Unlimited.]



Lot 756, CAC 26th May 2019 Auction, 537 pcs, all RCM 1973 RCMP 25-Cents coins. [Image courtesy of CAC.]



American Women 2022 Series Quarters 5-Coin set in Capsules—Choose P or D Mint. Featuring Maya Angelou, Dr. Sally Ride, Wilma Mankiller, Nina Otero-Warren, and Anna May Wong. This program runs 2022-2025. [Images courtesy of the US Mint.]

Nanna collected Mountie quarters for years. She had all of her grandchildren putting them away for her, and many different Becker's stores were putting them aside for her as well. We had no idea how large the collection was until it came time for her to move out of her apartment and into a retirement home. She had many shoe boxes full of Mountie quarters in every cupboard (all rolled), and as such, for years we could anticipate a roll of Mountie quarters in the bottom of our Christmas stocking.

The final surprise was after Nanna died. In her will there was mention of a safety deposit box at one of the large banks, the downtown office. None of us knew anything about the safety deposit box and we wondered if it was precious documents, heirlooms or something else. My aunt Judi went to retrieve it with all of the necessary documentation. When the bank staff pulled the box out of the wall she almost fell over from the weight of it. It was full to the brim with Mountie quarters. Thank you Nanna, the final gift is the story.

With a huge mintage, it's unlikely those quarters would ever be "worth something someday". Whether there were any large bust varieties in that hoard is lost to time.

Countries besides Canada have had similar programs, notably the US State quarters, Territory quarters, America the Beautiful (ATB) quarters, National Parks quarters and now the American Women series. The United Kingdom have released many commemorative 50-pence and 2-£ coins, as well as, its 2018 British alphabet 10-pence series, which was so popular, the Royal Mint released an additional 2,000,000 of each in 2019. The countries of the Eurozone regularly release 2-euro circulating commemoratives too, each country being allowed two per year.

The 1973 RCMP quarter is one of the most commonly collected coins in Canada. Unfortunately it is also one of the most misunderstood. Of the 135.9 million quarters struck by the RCM in '73 less than 10,000 were mistakenly struck with the back die of the 1972 quarter, which featured a larger image of the queen and fewer beads (see the image below). While this scarce 'Large Bust' variety is valuable, the regular Mountie quarters are worth only 25 cents! If you have some of these, use these photos to check your coins closely.



[Image courtesy of retired teacher John, Canadian Coin Blog, Wordpress.com—page includes state to share.]

Australia issued 20-cent, 50-cent and 1-dollar coins in 2001 for the Centenary of Australia's Federation, and then three alphabet series of dollar coins in 2019, 2021 and 2022. This autumn, the Royal Australian Mint (RAM) issued three different coins in the set with the letters "A, U and S" each with a mintage of 6,000,000. RAM's authorized distributor Woolworths Grocers released limited-edition \$2 and \$2 coins featuring Commonwealth Games designs and themes, ahead of the international multi-sport event in Birmingham. There were three designs of the \$2 coin with a new coin design released each week starting with July 20th, 2022. Four additional \$1 coins in a 7-coin collector

album were exclusively available at the supermarket for \$15 an album, with the designs featuring various sorts Australia will compete in at the Games. Of course other countries have gotten in to the game as well. These coin hunts are great fun, and maddening for the completist (but in a good way). Several folks on YouTube have made decent income by attracting thousands of subscribers who watch them hunt for special commemoratives and share the thrill of finding rarities in coin rolls and bags.



Aussie Coin Hunt #3 folder [Image courtesy of the Royal Australian Mint.]



Euro commemoratives [Image courtesy of the European Central Bank.]



↑ 2018-2019 A-Z Alphabet 26 coin series: 10-Pence (10p) - Angel of the North, Bond (James Bond), Cricket, Double Decker Bus, English Breakfast, Fish & Chips, Greenwich Mean Time, House of Parliament, Ice-Cream Cone, Jubilee, King Arthur, Loch Ness Monster, Mackintosh, National Health Service, Oak Tree, Post Box, Queuing, Robin, Stonehenge, Teapot, Union Flag, Village, World Wide Web, X Marks the Spot, Yeoman, and Zebra Crossing. [Image courtesy of the Royal Mint, Great Britain.]



↑ 2022 A-US Commonwealth Games Two-Dollar Coins. [Image courtesy of Royal Australian Mint.]



Third are those who stumble across a YouTube channel and catch the excitement simply by watching others pick through coins. One such channel is Christopher Collects (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8Po8UR9OfhPhPCLjz1d8Q>), with over 70,000 subscribers and 18-million views. Christopher is a 30-year-old collector in southern England, who posts a video everyday. Mondays and Thursdays are hunts through £500 of £2 coins; Tuesdays and Fridays are hunts through £250 of 50p coins; Wednesdays are a fan letters segment; Saturdays are hunts through £100 of 10p coins while doing a Q&A; and Sundays are hunts through all the world coins sent in by loyal fans. Not a bad side hustle! Letters to Christopher (Christophersstamps@gmail.com) make it clear that many of his viewers are young kids tuning in and getting into the hobby.



Christopher Collects, shown wearing his holiday "jumper" that reads "All I want for Christmas is Kew" [Photos by YouTube, ChristopherCollects.]



Left coin is 1759-2009 250th Anniversary of Kew Gardens in BU finish, and beside it is the Silver Proof. [Images courtesy of the Royal Mint.]

For 2009 to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Kew Gardens, the Royal Mint released a special range of Limited Edition Kew Gardens 50p Fifty Pence Coins struck in Piedfort Gold Proof, Gold Proof, Piedfort Silver Proof, Silver Proof, Proof and Brilliant Uncirculated (all compositions combined mintage just 210,000) and was re-released again for collectors in 2019. All compositions sold out right away (both years). The Kew Gardens 50p Coin has been designed by Christopher Le Burns and features the famous Chinese Pagoda. The BU were sold on a folding card covered with cellophane. This very low mintage Kew Gardens 50p BU coin with just a Very Good (VG) condition catalogues at £42 (about \$70 Canadian), but you are not likely to find any in your change. The Piedfort Silver Proof / Silver Proof in PR68 state currently trends in the £1,400 and £1,200 range.



Lookout 10-storied Pagoda in a small section of the large Botanic Gardens of Kew, London. [Image of WikiCommons, owner Targeman, released as Public Domain, April 2006.]

A **fourth** way into collecting might be via folders designed to be filled by a collector, assuming such folders are available. The Scholastic coin folder I showed on 2-pages earlier to this page, is similar to coin folders that list all the varieties by year or even mint mark. Many mature collectors speak fondly of filling Whitman coin folders in their childhood, back when such folders were readily available everywhere. Today, Whitman folders can be ordered from coin supply stores, but even chains like Walmart Canada offer these (only through online ordering, and only for the American coins). Similarly, Chapters-Indigo lists only two folders, and again they are for American coins and neither is in stock or available. You no longer find Whitman folders at grocery, hardware, and department stores (remember when Eaton's

had a large supply). For Canadian coinage, we do have colourful Kascade Coin Albums, and Uni-safe Albums available from dealers / at shows / at flea markets / hobby shops, such as Colonial Acres Coins. Additionally, Whitman Publishing has a series of Canada Coin Albums. Whitman also puts out so many USA Albums, they cover over 30-website pages. Canada has several authorized Whitman distributors, as well as online (such as Amazon) handling both the albums for Canada and USA. Gardmaster Canada and USA, and Yokama Canada, USA and Foreign (country specific) Albums and Vista Canada Album are available from several dealers such as Trajan Coin & Stamp Supplies.



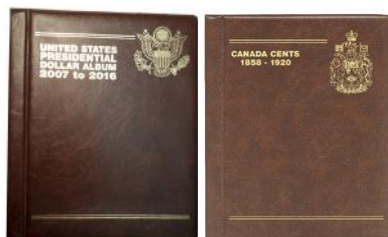
Kascade Canada Coin Albums: 1-Cents, 5-Cents, 10-Cents, 25-Cents Regular, 25-Cents Commemorative, 50-Cents, 1-Dollars, and 2-Dollars. [Images courtesy of CAC.]



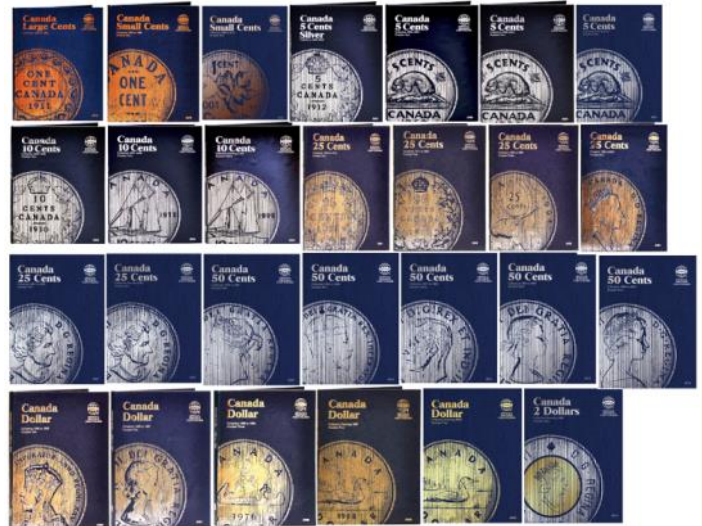
UNI-SAFE Canada Coin Albums: Small Cents 1920-Date, 5-Cents Blank Date, and 10-Cents 1858-2013. [Images courtesy of CAC.]



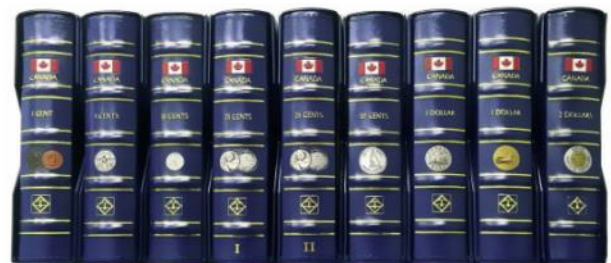
Yokama Country-Specific Coin Albums [Image courtesy of Trajan.]



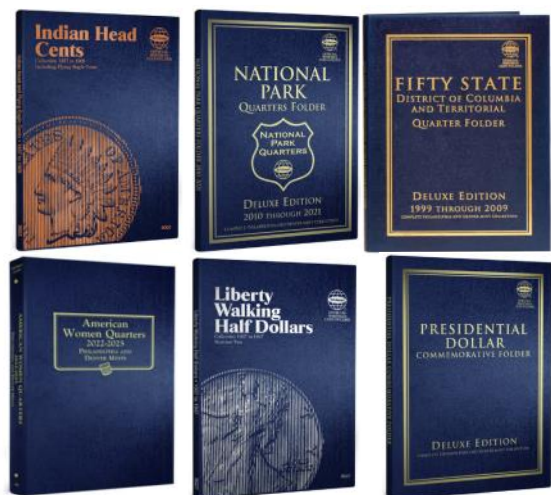
Examples of Gardmaster Coin Albums. [Images courtesy of CAC.]



Whitman Canada Albums: Large Cents, Small Cents Vols. 1 & 2, Silver 5-Cents (Small), 5-Cents (Large) Vols. 1-3, 10-Cents Vols. 1-3, 25-Cents Vols. 1-6, 50-Cents Vols. 1-5, Dollar Vols. 1-5, Two-Dollars. [Images courtesy of Whitman Publishing.]



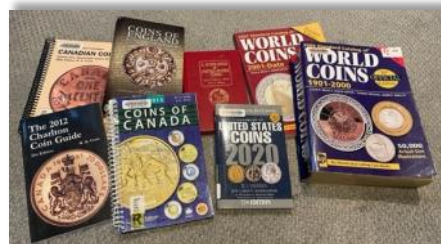
Canada Vista Coin Albums: 1-Cent, 5-Cents, 10-Cents, 25-Cents Vol. I & II, 50-Cents, 1-Dollar (pre-Loonie), 1-Dollar (Loonie), and 2-Dollars. [Image courtesy of Trajan.]



Some of the many different Whitman folders for US coinage. [Images courtesy of Whitman Publishing.]

I propose that many potential young collectors can be reached, whether through newer media like YouTube or *TikTok*, or through more traditional collection folders and catalogues. As numismatic ambassadors, maybe our task is to help make these things known to the youngsters in our lives. Low value foreign coins make a great conversation starter, and can pique a child's curiosity in many ways:

*What language is that?
Where does that writing come from?
Where is that country in the world?
Who do I know that comes from the same place as this coin?
Do I know anyone older than this coin?*



Old copies of Charlton, Haxby and Willey, Yeoman or Krause coin catalogues would provide an excellent foundation for a young budding collector.

Old catalogs: some purchased library discards, some gifted by fellow collectors [Photo by the author.]

The problem of attracting new collectors to the hobby is not easy to solve. But in a way, it's comforting to know that the problem hasn't really changed — only the gateways to collecting are changing. And we can learn those new paths, and lead the next generation down them toward a fulfilling life-long pastime.

SWCS December 7th Meeting Report

Report by **Scott Douglas**, SWCS President, Photos by **Peter Becker** and **David Carpenter**

The SWCS meeting held on Wednesday December 7th was a great meeting. We had 13 Members and 2 Guests present. President **Scott Douglas** opened the meeting at 7 PM and introduced **Dawn ?** the representative for **East Wellington Community Services—Rockwood Food Bank**. Although several members had forgotten to bring their donations they quickly jumped in and contributed from their pockets. Although I am not sure how much Dawn collected in this way I did see several \$20 bills so I am confident she was more than pleased. On behalf of SWCS, I was also able to present Dawn with \$500 worth of Walmart Gift Cards. It was a nice feeling being able to get back to giving to the food bank as we used to do before the COVID-19 pandemic shut us down.

Educational Presentation: After some light conversation about upcoming events the floor was turned over to our speaker **Scott Douglas**. His topic was **Dr. Barnardo's Home Children Medals**, which had been enhanced from the last time presented to the club a number of years ago. This talk was well received and several questions were asked and answered.



Presentation of \$500 worth of gift cards for the Rockwood Food Bank. [Photo by David Carpenter.]



Scott E. Douglas giving educational presentation Dec. 7th, 2022. [Photo by Peter Becker.]

After a short break we went to our meeting draws.

Members' Attendance Draw: The draw had climbed to a heady **\$15** and was snapped up by **Doug Wilson** who deserved it because Doug is always in attendance, rarely missing a meeting. Next meeting the draw starts back at \$5.

King Arthur's Treasure: The KAT was won by **Ray Zoethout**. When asked how many pieces were in the treasure **Lowell Wierstra** claimed there was \$11 cash and a "whole bunch of coins". Thank you Lowell!

Daytona Draw: Next we went to our main event the Daytona Draw which still had some gold waiting to be won. The winning ticket belonged to **Andrew Strachan** (what a shock!) and the envelope chosen was #60. After coaxing the crowd to keep bidding the envelope was hammered down at **\$35** by **Lance Tribble**. No one wanted to bid because they knew

from past experience that Andrew, a frequent winner, would never give up the chance for a shot at some gold. True to form Andrew chose to keep the envelope and was the lucky winner of two uncirculated sets, one from 2000 and one from 2009 valued at **\$44**. Not bad for a twoonie (although I suspect Andrew spent more than \$2). Didn't win gold yet? The next meeting will give you another chance because **the gold will stay in the draw until it is won**.

SWCS 25th Anniversary Draws: Since we stopped for a short break (1 minute), Lowell thought the draws were over and threw out the tickets. There was much laughter as folks watched our illustrious **Mr. Wierstra** dig out the tickets he had thrown in the garbage. Due to some mix-ups the past two months, we had three months' worth of 25th Anniversary Draw prizes to give out at our Dec. meeting. These prizes were generously donated by our Secretary / Editor **Judy Blackman**. As with our earlier handouts this year, and previous draws, all except one prize maintain a theme of our club's founding year 1997 (Canada). The winners were: **Lisa McPherson** – 1997 Specimen Set; **Lowell Wierstra** – 1997 Winnipeg Uncirculated set; **Peter Becker** – 1995 Proof ICCS MS-67 graded 5-cents coin; **Scott Douglas** – 1997 Ottawa Uncirculated set; and **Andrew 'who else' Strachan** – 1997 Proof ICCS MS-67 graded 5-cents coin. Many thanks go to Judy for providing these wonderful prizes. Also to Lowell for recovering the tickets!

Below are some photos by SWCS Director **David Carpenter**.



Auction: To end the night we had our auction without our main auctioneer. **Mike Hollingshead** was in Cuba even though his heart was in Rockwood. **Scott Douglas** called the auction and **Peter Becker** ran the lots and collected the money. Lowell did his usual job of efficiently co-ordinating the cash and recording the auction activities. We need good quality, collectible items for our auction. If you wish to consign for future auction, please call **Lowell Wierstra** at **519-824-6534**.

THANK YOU! WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS! Thanks go out to **Linda Blair**, **Lowell Wierstra**, **Peter Becker** and **David Carpenter** for taking care of various things that make the meeting work. Also, a shout out to the anonymous butter tart man (aka John Smith). Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you everyone!!!! Also, thank you to you for attending.

Bits'n'Bites: One of our newest members, **Dan Kennaley** shared, "I retired at the end of June 2019, and I'm really enjoying retirement as it is letting me spend more time pursuing my many interests including working on my coin collection. I just became a grandfather for the first time as well. I look forward to receiving the SWCS newsletters." Congratulations Grandpa Dan! Why was grandpa counting pennies? Because he was the only one with time and money in his hand.

If grandpa says he's old enough for jokes about him and is going to be okay to laugh about them, then get him to enjoy his old age a little more with age-related jokes. A grandpa joke can be really enjoyable!

- Why do you think grandpa says that he was made upside down? Because his feet smell and his nose is always running.
- What happens when a boy, his father, and grandpa laugh so hard that they pee their pants? You get to know that it

runs in their jeans.

- What is grandpa's bedtime? One hour after falling asleep on his rocking chair.
- What does grandpa do when you tell him to change his hearing aid? He doesn't listen.
- Why didn't anyone know where the grandfather was? Because he started walking 10 miles every day since his 65-year-old birthday and now he is 95.
- What is the best thing about being 100 years old according to grandpa? Grandpa said, one get's to live without peer pressure.



Coming up is the June 20-24, 2023, Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition. Ten bright young talents will compete on the Longwood Organ — one of the world's largest Aeolian pipe organs — before a panel of esteemed judges. The organ world's brightest young talents are competing in the picturesque setting of the Gardens for the \$40,000 Pierre S. du Pont First Prize, the largest cash prize of any organ competition in the world, and the gold award medal. There is our a presentation of a silver Firmin Swinnen Award for second place, and bronze Clarence Snyder Award for third place. Did you know several Canadians were medal recipients in these competitions?



Get Well Soon Gary: Recently Scott was able to visit **Gary Fedora** on two occasions, to see that Gary is doing well in his recovery. He and his son **Andy** hope to return to a SWCS meeting soon. You are dearly missed Gary and Andy, and we wish you a speedy recovery Gary!

Some Christmas Humour:

What do you call a broke Santa Claus? Saint-nickel-less.

Why does Scrooge love reindeer so much? Because every single buck is dear to him!

How is Christmas exactly like your job? You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.

What's the absolute best Christmas present? A broken drum—you can't beat it!

Where does Santa keep all his money? At the local snow bank.

Recently **Scott Douglas** was sharing some news about this travels this autumn. “**Debbie** and I were dodging the hurricane but managed to come away unscathed. Debbie was more worried about damage to our new car than damage to us. Our next trip was when Debbie and I went to Pennsylvania to visit Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square. They have beautiful Christmas lights on the grounds and in the Dupont home (built in 1730). It really is a wonderful place.”



Pierre du Pont Legion of Honor medal, awarded April 2, 1954 - Heritage Exhibit - Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, USA. [Creative Commons CCO 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication: Daderot]



1954-04-03 Family Award Presentation of Legion of Honor to Pierre S. du Pont: L-R: Irénée du Pont 1876-1963 , Margaretta du Pont Carpenter 1884-1973, Pierre Samuel Du Pont 1870-1954 , Pierre Donzelet, French Cultural Attache [Hagley Digital Archives, for use for research and educational purposes only.]

Now you may not know this, but your Editor's late mother was a Scorpio, her husband is a Scorpio too, as well as, both of her brothers-in-law are Scorpions. So what did your Editor find out recently? SWCS's President **Scott E. Douglas** is a Scorpio, and he just celebrated his 70th birthday on 3rd Nov. 2022. **Happy Birthday Scott!**



Coming up at this first meeting of 2023, we are expecting to do an award presentation and another small handout, with both subject to supplier timelines. We also will have fun as **David Carpenter** presents another one of his terrific demonstrations! Take care. See you in March 2023 — remember you need to be there for a chance to win GOLD! On behalf of your entire SWCS Executive, **“Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!”**

Scott



J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation Funds Literature Website

The J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation (JDFHRF) has sponsored the Canadian Numismatic Resources (CNR) bilingual website (www.cnr-rnc.ca) of digital materials related to Canadian numismatics and Canadian monetary history. At present there are just over 200 documents loaded (most of which are now under Public Domain), but the website is under constant development. As JDFHRF is a registered charity, it welcomes donations, and you can learn more as well as access a donation form by going to the website's "About" page.

LAOS New Banknotes

[Images and information courtesy of Bank of Lao PDR, 15th October, 2022, Press Release—Cabinet Office BOL]



The Bank of Lao PDR (BOL), the central bank announced that it has printed new editions of the 10,000 and 20,000 kip banknotes. With the presence of the Deputy-Governor Madame Vathana Dalaloy, the bank's Head of Office, Mr. Phetsathaphone Keovongvichit, and Director-General of the Publishing Department, Mr. Bounthavy Soukdavong, announced the introduction of the new banknotes at a press conference on Friday, 14th October 2022.

The new notes are better protected against counterfeit, more attractive and are more easily distinguishable from other denominations notes.

The banknotes have several features that make them harder to counterfeit. The national emblem of the Lao PDR glows yellow when placed under a red light; when exposed to light the watermarks of President Kaysone Phomvihane and the numbers can be clearly seen on both the front and back sides. Another feature is that the numbers 10,000 and 20,000 on the front will change colour when the banknotes are flipped.

The new banknotes can be used alongside the old 2003 notes, which will remain in circulation and can be used as normal. The central bank will make more changes to other banknotes in the future, to make them more durable and better protected against forgery to help reduce the risk of counterfeiting.



UPCOMING 2022 EVENTS

Check <https://canadiancoinnews.com/events/> for any cancellations, changes in venue, and pandemic protocols to be adhered to.

28-29-January, 2023:
Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND) Winter Coin Show
RCNA Kids table at the show. Contact: **Mike Walsh**, 289-969-1711, email mwalsh@trajan.ca, website <http://www.cand.org>.



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF NUMISMATIC DEALERS

Annual CAND Coin Show

JANUARY 28-29, 2023

Sheraton Hamilton Hotel,
116 King St. W., Hamilton, ON, L8P 4V3

Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM / Sunday: 10 AM - 3 PM
Admission: \$5 Saturday / FREE Sunday
Children under 16 FREE

For full show details, visit www.cand.org

19-February, 2023: Oshawa & District Coin Club's COIN-A-RAMA
at Lviv Ukrainian Pavilion, 38 Iviv St., Oshawa, ON L1H 8S7. Hours 9-4 PLUS Mini-Auction at 2 PM. Free dealer and membership draws, and hourly public draws. Free admission and parking. Contact **Sharon Maclean**, 905-728-1352, email papman@bell.net, website <http://www.oshawacoinclub.com>.

5-March: Troyak Club's Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON L4Z 1V8. Hours 9-4. Free evaluations and parking. Admission \$5 (children under age 16 are free). Contact **Les Plonka**, 416-505-7999, email leszekp@rogers.com, website <http://www.troyakclub.com>.

11-March: Waterloo Coin Society's Cambridge Coin Show at Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd., Cambridge ON N1R 6V3. Admissions \$2 (a portion of which will go to two charitable organizations), free parking, lunch counter on site, and donations to the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank will be accepted at the show entrance. Contact **Brent Mackie**, email info@cambridgecoinshow.ca, website <http://cambridgecoinshow.ca>.

31-March-2-April-2023: 61st Annual Ontario Numismatic Association Convention (two weeks before the National Postage Stamp & Coin Show) at Courtyard by Marriott, 1224 Upper James St., Hamilton, ON L9C 3B1. Watch website for more details. Contact **Robb McPherson**, 519-577-7206, email robb4640@outlook.com, website <http://www.the-ona/upcoming>.

Ontario Numismatic Association's Speakeasy: Every month on the first Monday (until July 4th, 2022) at 7PM (Eastern Standard Time-Ontario time). 2022 Schedule: Apr 4th, May 2nd, Jun 6th, and Jul 4th).

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95877431724?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95877431724?pwd=dWtDMmFYIR1SjNTMzVtZlZxTVpDQT09)

[pwd=dWtDMmFYIR1SjNTMzVtZlZxTVpDQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95877431724?pwd=dWtDMmFYIR1SjNTMzVtZlZxTVpDQT09) Meeting ID: 958 7743 1724 Passcode: 382388 See phone numbers below.

Zoom -Dial by your location:

Canada—204 272 7920, 438 809 7799, 587 328 1099, 647 374 4685, 647 558 0588, and 778 907 2071.

USA—346 248 7799, 408 638 0968, 646 876 9923, 669 900 6833, 253 215 8782, 301 715 8592, and 312 626 6799.

GUELPH SPRING COIN SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2023

OPEN 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Hosted by the South Wellington Coin Society

★ ***\$2 Admission to SWCS Show but receive a pass to Toronto Coin Expo*** ★

★ Lunch Counter ★ Free Parking ★ Wheelchair Access
★ OVER 35 Dealer Tables! ★ Club-KIDS Table Too! ★
★ BUY SELL TRADE ★ EVALUATIONS ★

LOCATION:

Colonel John McCrae Memorial Royal Canadian Legion—Branch 234

57 Watson Parkway South, GUELPH, ON N1L 1E3

Contact:
Mike Hollingshead
E-mail: cholling@uoguelph.ca
Phone: (519) 823-2646

Host Website:
www.southwellingtoncoinsociety.ca

FUTURE Coin Shows:
In GUELPH same location
⇒ Sat. Apr. 29, 2023
⇒ Sat. Sep. 23, 2023

May Subject to:
COVID-19 Restrictions



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Fourth Wednesdays Monthly 7pm EST

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Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91590360858>

Meeting ID: 9159 036 0858 Passcode: 342812

Dial-in Numbers: +1 647 374 4685 (Canada)
or +1 301 715 8592 (US)

Note: there are other shows in Canada and USA, we have only listed the events, most likely to interest SWCS members from a geographic standpoint. Find more at ↓

<https://canadiancoinnews.com/events/>

FREE 2022 Symposium NOW Online

Video from the recent Newman Portal Symposium, held November 17-19, 2022 is now available. The Newman Portal Symposium brings together speakers on a wide variety of numismatic topics, including U.S., world, and ancient numismatics. The next Symposium will be held this spring, in conjunction with the Central States Numismatic Society convention.

Link to Newman Portal Symposium home page on NNP:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatdetail/539070>

Link to American Numismatic Society feature video:

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/620264>

Link to CAC Grading presentation

<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/book/620268>

Hamilton Coin Society



Did you know SWCS members **Robb McPherson** is the President and Treasurer, and **Lisa McPherson** is the Secretary of the **Hamilton Coin Society** (HCS)? Check out the HCS website <https://hamiltoncoinsociety.ca/>. Robb has also set up accounts on Twitter and Instagram, just search for 'Hamilton Coin Society'.

New Mystery Boxes from a Mint

This year the Pobjoy Mint introduced new Limited Edition 2022 Mystery Boxes for Christmas. What an interesting twist, is this how a Mint sells off excess coins before year-end? The bundles are apparently up to 50% off retail value, and contain a selection of Silver, Cupro-Nickel and Mixed Metal Coins. Some boxes contain products no longer available to purchase as well as some Christmas coins, which have been selected at random between all types of boxes. The Silver Mystery Box contains 3 Silver coins with a retail value of £180 with savings over 50%. The Cupro-Nickel Mystery Box has 4 Cupro-Nickel coins with a retail value of £60 with savings over 30%. The Mixed Mystery Box has 3 Silver Coins, 3 Cupro-Nickel Coins, and 1 Mixed Metal Coin with a retail value of £240 with savings over 40%. If you are gifting the boxes as Christmas presents, then it likely doesn't matter that you don't know the contents, but if you are acquiring to grow your own collection, you could end up with doubles, and may be disappointed. It will be curious to see how well this program goes this year, and whether the Mint returns the program next year.



Specimen Pavilion Dollar a Hit at Auction

[Source: Heritage Auctions Press Release 8th December 2022]

This scarce 37 mm Silver Republic Hsu Shih-chang (China) Specimen Pavilion Medallion Dollar Year 10 (1921) (reeded edge without lower legend on reverse variety) PCGS SP63, L&M-956, Kann-676b, WS-0102, sold as Lot 34105 from the Ta Han Collection, Heritage Auction 7th, December 2022, for \$576,000USD (includes Buyer's Premium). It's interesting the party that purchased it, is now accepting offers of \$864,000USD or more on this piece with HA handling the sale. Produced with an immensely curious purpose, the selection was likely to be distributed upon the opening of the Peking Union Medical College (the new building), as its façade adorns the reverse. Of those currently occupying the conditional censuses, only a single ranks finer, confirming this great rarity when located so pristine.





SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (SWCS) NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

273 Mill St. E., Acton, ON. L7J 1J7, CDA.



Applicant: (first, surname) _____ Email: _____

If joining as FAMILY, list other applicants. Note, for any under the age of eighteen years (18), please provide date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

Applicant: (first, surname) _____ Email: _____

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DOB for _____ is _____. DOB for _____ is _____.

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

For Best Contact Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Alternative Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Note: In making application you agree and consent to the SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (SWCS) sending newsletter, and other SWCS correspondence to you digitally by the email provided above, and for login to the Members Only area of the SWCS website (when available for use). If you are choosing to receive these materials by postal mail INSTEAD of email, these materials will be sent to the address above; however, we cannot guarantee timely delivery by the postal service. Sign here if you are requesting postal service INSTEAD of digital service: _____

Please share here, your primary interest(s) by ticking the box(es):

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All Membership Dues are payable in Canadian Funds (CAD). New Membership Dues are payable immediately, and Annual Membership Dues are based on the calendar year and due on or before January 1st each year. If you join after September 30th, you are paid for the current year and the following year. You may pay with your Application Form during a SWCS membership meeting, by mail enclosing a cheque or money order payable to SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY, or by emailing the SWCS Treasurer at sdouglas333@gmail.com to arrange an electronic funds transfer (etransfer). Indicate the type of Membership you are applying for:

☐ **\$5—Youth** (age 14-18, under 14 is FREE) Parent / Legal Guardian (first/surname): _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature: _____

☐ **\$10—Regular** (over age 18)

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☐ **\$25—Corporate** (numismatic organizations, museums, mints, academic institutions) (max. 2 representatives permitted)

Tick off applicable box for your METHOD OF PAYMENT:

☐ CASH ☐ MONEY ORDER ☐ OR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO "SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY" ☐ eTRANSFER

In making this APPLICATION for Membership in the SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY (SWCS), you hereby agree to abide the current SWCS's policies (*as amended*) going forward.

Applicant's Signature & Date of Application (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

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Year:					
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Date Receipt Issued:					
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